

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Little Rock, Arkansas

September 6, 2005

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2005-05

TO: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS, DIVISION HEADS
AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS

SUBJECT: Hurricane Katrina Response

WHEREAS, the continuing movement of Hurricane Katrina across the Gulf of Mexico and across the southern United States has caused numerous tornadoes, high winds, extreme tidal surges, extremely heavy thunderstorms, torrential rains and flooding across many areas within Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this severe natural disaster has already resulted in extensive death, injury, loss of utilities and damage to property across these states, causing the evacuation of great numbers of the residents of these states, and causing a significant number of these victims to travel through and temporarily relocate to Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, this tragedy has caused increased travel into and through the State of Arkansas for the purposes of transporting desperately needed food, medicine, services and supplies to the victims of this disaster; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee and the Arkansas Highway Commission have currently recognized the existence of a state of emergency in these states;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dan Flowers, Director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD), acting under the authority vested in me by the Arkansas Highway Commission, do hereby order the following:

1. Truck-tractor and one semi trailer combinations transporting emergency or humanitarian relief equipment or supplies to federal and state declared disaster areas in the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi that have axle configurations, axle weights gross vehicle weight, and dimensions provided in the chart shown below may travel the designated highways without paying a fee for or obtaining an overweight and/or oversize permit. The travel may be conducted in a continuous manner on a seven-day week basis. Vehicle combinations exceeding legal width and/or height must have oversize signs and flags as required in Arkansas Permit Regulations.

ENVELOPE VEHICLE

Minimum Number of Axles:	Five (5)
Maximum Steer Axle Weight:	20,000 pounds
Maximum Single Axle Weight:	20,000 pounds
Maximum Tandem Axle Group Weight:	40,000 pounds
Maximum Tri-Axle Group Weight:	50,000 pounds
Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight:	95,000 pounds
Maximum Overall Width:	Twelve Feet (12')
Maximum Overall Length:	Ninety Feet (90')
Maximum Overall Height:	Fourteen Feet (14')
Minimum Outer Distance Between Centers Of Two Consecutive Tandem Groups	Thirty-six Feet (36')

2. Oversize and/or overweight vehicles and/or loads that are greater than the weights and/or dimensions specified above that are transporting emergency or humanitarian relief equipment or supplies to federal and state declared disaster areas in the states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi will be issued route specific permits with applicable permitting fees waived. Overweight vehicles must have legal axle configurations to adequately support the load and oversize vehicles/loads must have appropriate signs, markings, lights, flags and escorts as required in Arkansas Permit Regulations.

3. Transporters under contract by FEMA to transport manufactured homes for Hurricane Katrina disaster area relief may use routes and conditions as listed on the AHTD web site without paying a fee or obtaining an oversize permit. Vehicles and/or loads must have appropriate signs, markings, lights, and flags as required in Arkansas Permit Regulations.
4. As it pertains to this Order, the determination of routes by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for oversize and/or overweight vehicles is not an assurance that bridges and structures are capable of carrying the vehicle and load, nor shall it guarantee the clearance will accommodate the height or width of the vehicle. The owner(s) and operator(s) of such vehicle(s) assumes full responsibility for any and all damages to roads, bridges, persons and private property resulting from travel.

This Administrative Order shall be effective until October 1, 2005, unless amended or extended.



Dan Flowers, Director

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ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

DISASTER RELIEF PERMIT WAIVER AND ROUTING

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Effective 07 September 2005, and until further notice, we will issue oversize and/or overweight permits at no charge to vehicles transporting equipment or material for emergency relief or humanitarian aid to those areas in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi that have been declared disaster areas by federal or state proclamation. These vehicles will be referred to as "Envelope Vehicles" and must be in compliance with the Arkansas Permit Regulations, and all other applicable laws and regulations. "Envelope Vehicles" will be routed the same as any oversize/overweight vehicle with a permit. The permits will be faxed to a location requested by the permittee without charge.

The Department has designated certain routes that "*Envelope Vehicles*" may use only if transporting materials to be used in emergency disaster relief or humanitarian relief purposes in the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi in areas that have been declared disaster areas by federal or state proclamation.

"ENVELOPE VEHICLE"

An "*Envelope Vehicle*" shall be a truck-tractor and one semitrailer combination the Department has designated certain routes that "*Envelope Vehicles*" may use only if transporting materials to be used in emergency disaster relief or humanitarian relief purposes in the States of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi in areas that have been declared disaster areas by federal or state proclamation.

"ENVELOPE VEHICLE"

An "*Envelope Vehicle*" must be a truck-tractor and one semitrailer combination that, when laden or unladen, with the weights, axle configurations, measurements, and dimensions are in compliance with the requirements mandated in Table A. An "Envelope Vehicle" **may transport either a non-divisible load or a divisible load**

Table A.

Minimum number of axles:	Five (5)
Steering Axle weight cannot exceed	20,000 pounds
Single Axle weight cannot exceed	20,000 pounds
A Tandem Axle Group cannot exceed	40,000 pounds
A Triaxle Group cannot exceed	50,000 pounds

Gross Vehicle Weight cannot exceed	95,000 pounds
Minimum outer distance between the Centers of two consecutive tandem axles	Thirty-six feet (36')
Maximum overall width cannot exceed	Twelve feet (12')
Maximum overall height cannot exceed	Fourteen feet (14')
Maximum overall length cannot exceed	Ninety feet (90')

A truck-tractor and one semitrailer combination that meets the mandated qualifications for an “*Envelope Vehicle*” may travel during a twenty-four hour/seven day basis without a permit only on the highways in the designated routes set out in Table B. “*Envelope Vehicles*” exceeding either the legal width of eight feet six inches (8’ 6”) or height of thirteen feet six inches (13’ 6”) or the legal length of a semitrailer of fifty-three feet six inches (53’ 6”) shall have a plainly legible sign reading “OVERSIZE LOAD” displayed across the front and rear of the loaded vehicle. The signs shall be constructed of a durable material with a yellow background and black letters of sufficient size to be legible to all traffic within a safe distance. The rear corners of the load shall have eighteen-inch (18”) red flags on the rear corners of the load in the daytime, and red lights on the rear corners of the load at all other hours of travel.

The designation of routes for a vehicle meeting the definition of an “*Envelope Vehicle*” is not an assurance that bridges and structures are capable of carrying the vehicle and load, nor shall it guarantee the clearance of permanent or temporary overhead structures, utility lines or other material will accommodate the height of the vehicle. The owner(s) and operator(s) of such vehicle(s) assume full responsibility for any and all damages to roads, bridges, structures, persons and private or public property resulting from travel.

Table B.

Legend

I = Interstate Highway US = U. S. Highway SH = State Highway
n = north e = east s = south w = west

A number indicates the number of the interstate or other highway.

For “*Envelope Vehicles*” entering Arkansas from Tennessee en route to Louisiana:

ROUTE 1: I-40w [into Arkansas at West Memphis] to I-30w (at Little Rock) to I-530s to US-65s [at Pine Bluff] into Louisiana.

ROUTE 2: I-55n [into Arkansas at West Memphis], then follow *Route 1*.

ROUTE 3: Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to I-30w to I-530s to US 425s into Louisiana.

- ROUTE 4:** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to I-30w to I-530s to US-79s to US-167s to Louisiana.
- ROUTE 5:** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to I-30 to US-245s to US-71s to Louisiana.
- ROUTE 6:** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to US-49s to SH-1s to US-165s into Louisiana.
- ROUTE 7:** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to US-49s to SH-1 to US-165s to US-65s into Louisiana.
- ROUTE 8:** Enter either on I-40w or I-55n to I-40w to US-49s to SH-1s to US-165s to US-82w to US-425s into Louisiana.

For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Missouri en route to Louisiana:

- ROUTE 9:** Enter on I-55s into Tennessee on either I-55s or I-40e.
- ROUTE 10:** Enter on I-55s to I-40w, and then follow your choice of *ROUTES 1* through 8.

For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Texas en route to Louisiana:

- ROUTE 11:** Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e to US-245S to US-82e to US-79s into Louisiana.
- ROUTE 12:** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e [to El Dorado] to US-167s into Louisiana.
- ROUTE 13:** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e to US-425s into Louisiana.
- ROUTE 14:** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e to US-165s into Louisiana.
- ROUTE 15:** Enter on I-30e to US-245s to US-82e to US-65s into Louisiana.

For “Envelope Vehicles” entering Arkansas from Oklahoma en route to Louisiana:

- ROUTE 16:** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-530s to US-65s or US-165s into Louisiana
- ROUTE 17:** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-530s to US-65s to US-425s into Louisiana
- ROUTE 18:** I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to Hwy 331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-530s to US-79s to US-167s into Louisiana

ROUTE 19: I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 2 to SH-245s to US-71s into Louisiana

ROUTE 20: I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-530/US-65s to US-79s to US-167s to US-82W to US-79s into Louisiana.

ROUTE 21: I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-530/US-65s to US-79s to US-167s to US-82W to US-371s into Louisiana.

For "Envelope Vehicles" entering Arkansas from Oklahoma en route to Tennessee:

ROUTE 22: I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-40e to I-55s into Tennessee

ROUTE 23: I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-40e into Tennessee

ROUTE 24: US 412e to I-540s to I-40e to Exit 81-to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e to I-40e to I-55s into Tennessee

For "Envelope Vehicles" entering Arkansas from Texas en route to Tennessee:

ROUTE 25: Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e to I-40e to I-55s into Tennessee

ROUTE 26: Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e to I-40e into Tennessee



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PERMIT SECTION

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FEMA plans to procure single and doublewide manufactured homes to be transported to the disaster areas within Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. At the request of FEMA, the transporters will not be charged a permit fee or issued a permit. However, they are required to have FEMA documentation in the transporting vehicles to verify that the trip is in support of the national relief effort. Only those manufactured homes with the FEMA documentation and that are in compliance with the requirements and are on one of the specified routes may travel under the FEMA exemption.

Transporters under contract by FEMA to transport manufactured homes for Hurricane Katrina disaster area relief may use the following routes. The clearance heights for bridges or overpasses along the routes are highlighted. Operators would assume all responsibility for determining if the heights of the load can safely pass under any structures along the route of travel. We request three inches be added to the measured height in order to factor in possibility of human error and "bounce" while traveling under the structure, and urge transporters traveling with a manufactured home with a height of fifteen feet (15') or more to use an escort "pole car" to lead the trip. The designation of routes is not an assurance that bridges and structures are capable of carrying the vehicle and load, nor shall it guarantee the clearance of permanent or temporary overhead structures, utility lines or other material will accommodate the height of the vehicle and manufactured home unit. The owner(s) and operator(s) of such vehicle(s) assume full responsibility for any and all damages to roads, bridges, structures, persons and private or public property resulting from travel

- **Manufactured homes with a width not exceeding fourteen feet (14') may be transported on these routes on a twenty-four hour/seven-day week basis. When traveling at night, an activated amber flashing or rotating light on top of the transporting vehicle cab is required.**
- **Manufactured homes with a width not exceeding sixteen feet six inches (16' 6") may be transported on these routes during daylight hours only. It is recommended that an activated amber flashing or rotating light on top of the transporting vehicle cab be used.**

- **Manufactured homes with a width exceeding sixteen feet six inches (16' 6") and a width not exceeding eighteen feet (18') may use these routes with one (1) escort vehicle leading on all two-lane highways and trailing on all Interstate highways.**
- **Standard "Oversize Load" signs are required, front and rear.**

Entering Arkansas from Tennessee en route to Louisiana:

ROUTE A: I-40w {15' 7" clearance at mile 277.06} or I-55n [into Arkansas at West Memphis] exit 278 to 191s to US-70w to SH-147n {14' 10" overpass} to I-40w to I-30 w {14' 11" overpass in Little Rock mile 142.54} to I-530s {15' 0" clearance at mile 10.10 in Saline County at US-167 crossover} to US-65s [at Pine Bluff] into Louisiana.

ROUTE B: Enter either on **I-40w** {15' 7" clearance at mile 277.06} or **I-55n** to I-40w [into Arkansas at West Memphis] exit 278 to SH-191s to US-70w to 147n {14' 10" overpass} to I-40w to I-30 w {14' 11" overpass in Little Rock mile 142.54} to I-530s {15' 0" clearance at mile 10.10 in Saline County at US-167 crossover} to US-65s [at Pine Bluff] to **US 425s** into Louisiana.

ROUTE C: Enter either on **I-40w** {15' 7" clearance at mile 277.06} or **I-55n** to [into Arkansas at West Memphis] exit 278 to 191s to US70w to 147n {14' 10" overpass} to I-40w to I-30 w {14' 11" overpass in Little Rock mile 142.54} to US-245s to **US-71s** to Louisiana.

Entering Arkansas from Texas en route to Louisiana:

ROUTE D: Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98} to exit 30 to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} to US-79s into Louisiana.

ROUTE E: Enter on I-30e to exit 30 {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98} to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} to US-425s into Louisiana.

ROUTE F: Enter on I-30e to exit 30 {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98} to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e to {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} US-165s into Louisiana.

ROUTE G: Enter on I-30e to exit 30 {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98} to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} to US-65s into Louisiana.

Entering Arkansas from Oklahoma en route to Louisiana:

ROUTE J: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 30 to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e into Louisiana on US-79s.

ROUTE K: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 30 to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} into Louisiana on US-167s.

ROUTE L: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 30 to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} into Louisiana on US-425s.

ROUTE M: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 30 to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} into Louisiana on US-165s.

ROUTE N: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 30 to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} into Louisiana on US-65s.

Entering Arkansas from Texas en route to Tennessee:

ROUTE H: Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98 and 15' 4" clearance at mile 139.24} to I-40e to exit 271 to SH 147s to US 70e to SH 191n to I-40e into Tennessee.

ROUTE I: Enter [at Texarkana] on I-30e {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98 and 15' 4" clearance at mile 139.24} to I-40e to exit 271 to SH 147s to US 70e to SH 191n to I-55s into Tennessee.

Entering Arkansas from Oklahoma en route to Tennessee:

ROUTE R: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e [into Little Rock] (15' 4" clearance at mile 139.24} to I-40e to exit 271 to SH 147s to US 70e to SH 191n to I-40e into Tennessee.

ROUTE T: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.7} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30e [into Little Rock] (15' 4" clearance at mile 139.24} {to I-40e to exit 271 to SH 147s to US 70e to SH 191n to I-55s into Tennessee.

Entering Arkansas from Texas en route to Mississippi:

ROUTE U: Enter on I-30e to exit 30 {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98} to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} into Mississippi.

Entering Arkansas from Oklahoma en route to Mississippi:

ROUTE V: I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w to Exit 30 to US-278e to US-371s to US-82e {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} into Mississippi.

Entering Arkansas from Tennessee en route to Texas:

ROUTE W: Enter I-40w to 191s to US-70W to SH-147n {14' 10" overpass} to I-40w to I-30w {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98 and 15' 4" clearance at mile 139.24} into Texas.

Entering Arkansas from Mississippi en route to Texas:

ROUTE X: Enter US-82w {15' 11" clearance at mile 20.28 in El Dorado/Union Co.} to US-371n to US-278w to I-30w {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98} into Texas.

Entering Arkansas from Ft Smith en route to Texas:

ROUTE Y: Enter I-540n to I-40e {15' 9" clearance at mile. 32.75} to Exit 81 to SH-7s to US-64e to SH-331n to I-40e to I-430s to I-30w {15' 5" clearance at mile. 7.98} into Texas.

The curfew restriction of no travel between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Interstate 30 through downtown Little Rock and on two-lane highways are waived until further notice only for FEMA contract manufactured homes.